

[Translation]

Doordarshan Kendra in Raigarh, M.P.

6186. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan Kendra set up in Raigarh, Madhya Pradesh is functioning as per its installed capacity;

(b) if so, the installed capacity of the said Kendra;

(c) the area covered by the said relay centre; and

(d) by when the transmission capacity is likely to be increased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KIJMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) to (c). A low power (100 W) TV transmitter operating in UHF Band has been functioning at Raigarh since March, 1989. The transmitter is reported to be functioning satisfactorily and is providing TV service to an estimated 700 Sq. kms. area including the fringe areas where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining satisfactory reception.

(d) Whereas there is no proposal, at present, to increase the capacity of the existing TV transmitter at Raigarh, the TV service in the district is expected to improve on the

commissioning of high power TV transmitter envisaged to be installed at Ambikapur. Implementation of this project would, however, depend upon the availability of adequate resources for the purpose and inter-se priorities.

[English]

Agreement with Indo-Netherlands Tube Well Projects

6187. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement to harness water resources has been signed with Netherland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indo-Dutch tube wells project in U.P. has been finalised;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made thereon; and

(e) the quantum of financial assistance given by the Dutch Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) and (e). Details of agreements signed with Netherlands in the Water resources sector are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Agreement date	Allocation in million Dutch guilders
(I)	U.P. Tubewell Project	27.8.87	90.000
(II)	U.P. Tubewell Project (Technical Assistance)	29.7.91	2.100

Sl No	Name of Project	Agreement date	Allocation in million Dutch guilders
(iii)	Training Component of National Water Management Project	4 10 89	7 800
(iv)	Training Course in Water Management	18 8 89	5 588
(v)	Tungabhadra Irrigation Project	13 12 85	1 477
(vi)	Tungabhadra Chak Water Management Research Project	10 8 89	2 300
(vii)	Saline Lands Reclamation Programme in Maharashtra Kharlands Development Project (Ph II)	12 3 92	3 500

(d) The project involves construction of 750 new tubewells, modernisation of 125 old standard tubewells and improvement of 2000 old standard tubewells and connecting them to dedicated feeders. Against the estimated revised project cost of Rs 139 crores, Expenditure upto December '91 amounts to Rs 91.75 crores Until December '91, against a target of 75,000 Ha for creating irrigation potential, the achievement was 44,700 Ha

Expansion of Air Stations In U.P.

6188 SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received proposal from the Uttar Pradesh Government for the expansion of more stations of All India Radio,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the proposed construction of such AIR Stations in Uttar Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMAR GIRIJA VYAS)

(a) to (c) The Plan schemes of AIR are formulated taking into consideration the requirements of radio coverage in the respective States. While requests from the State Governments are received from time to time for extension of radio coverage in their respective States, no detailed proposals are called for from the State Governments for formulation of Plans for AIR

Import of Asbestos Fibre

6189 SHRI A PRATAP SAI Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government are